

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are in this application. Claims 4 to 8 are canceled by the present response.

The Examiner noted that claim 8 was allowable if rewritten in dependent form including the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims.

In order to expedite the patent grant process, all the independent claims have now been amended to incorporate the allowable subject-matter pointed out by the Examiner. However the specific rejections of the Examiner are respectfully traversed.

All the issues raised by the Examiner have been dealt with and Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petition for Extension of Time (1 Month)